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**Cc:** Williams, Laura[williams.laura@epa.gov]; Ostrander, David[Ostrander.David@epa.gov]; Bielenberg, Ben[Bielenberg.Ben@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Ralph[Ferguson.Ralph@epa.gov]; Mills, Bethany[Mills.Bethany@epa.gov]; Wilborn, Kendra[Wilborn.Kendra@epa.gov]  
**From:** Poetter, Joe  
**Sent:** Tue 9/22/2015 4:58:46 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Mountain Study

Yes - that was my understanding as well that \$50k was the ceiling. We would only pay the amount of the invoice of which I have not seen.

Joe

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 22, 2015, at 9:59 AM, Myers, Craig <Myers.Craig@epa.gov> wrote:

Wait a minute. There's no way we owe \$50k now – that was close to the total cost if memory serves. The NTP I signed had various sampling events built into it, with some event/emergency sampling tied to rain events or discharges from the mine. I don't recall it being an upfront/advance payment. When Dan and I talked, I was under the impression they had performed some of the work and thus needed payment.

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**From:** Poetter, Joe

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 9:36 AM

**To:** Williams, Laura; Ostrander, David  
**Cc:** Bielenberg, Ben; Ferguson, Ralph; Mills, Bethany; Wilborn, Kendra; Myers, Craig  
**Subject:** FW: Mountain Study

Laura/David,

See below. Please let me know if you approve payment to MSI in the amount of \$50,000 and we can get them paid as early as today.

Kendra, Bethany will need a DCN to allocate the payment.

Thanks,

Joe

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**To:** Ferguson, Ralph  
**Cc:** Poetter, Joe

**Subject:** Re: Mountain Study

Not sure about this one...Was it a contract or CA?

Have they invoiced us? Who is the po?sorry for all the q s

Ben

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 19, 2015, at 8:52 AM, Ferguson, Ralph <[Ferguson.Ralph@epa.gov](mailto:Ferguson.Ralph@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hey guys hope you're doing well. Craig called about mountain studies who has not yet received payment. Apparently we owe them \$50,000 Dan Wall has been trying to reach Bethany Mills unsuccessfully. That is all the information that I have right now and I was hoping that you guys could help me out.

Thanks,

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